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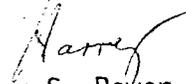
Dear George:

Welcome to the three ring circus. As the ancient Chinese curse goes, "may you live in interesting times"; you will.

A suggestion: In the State Department more than any other agency that I know of, you will need a senior officer, really a chief-of-staff, who is personally loyal to you to help assure that the bureaus are providing the information that you need and are following your instructions. In addition to loyalty, this person should have common sense and administrative ability; substantive foreign policy expertise is not essential.

Best wishes to you and Obie.

Sincerely,

  
Henry S. Rowen  
Chairman